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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

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ROME FOR FODAG

1. APPRECIATE INFORMATION SUPPLIED REFTEL ON ATTITUDES  
TOWARD WFC PREPARATORY MEETING AND POSSIBLE G-77 TACTICS  
TO GIVE FURTHER CREDIT TO ITS VIEWS ON FOOD ISSUES.

2. WHILE GENERALLY CONCURRING IN LINE YOU PROPOSE TO  
TAKE AT APRIL 21 MEETING, YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO AVOID  
IMPLYING US ENDORSEMENT OF EITHER DRAFT AGENDA OR  
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SECRETARIAT PAPERS. WE THINK THAT AGENDA IN ITS PRESENT

FORM IS TOO LENGTHY AND DIFFUSE FOR COUNCIL SESSION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. IT WILL NEED TO BE MORE SHARPLY FOCUSED BY ELIMINATING ITEMS OR REDUCING SOME TO INFORMATIONAL REPORTS, IF CHAOTIC CONDITIONS OF FIRST COUNCIL SESSION ARE NOT TO BE REPEATED AND IF PROGRESS IS TO BE MADE IN THREE DAY MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE VIEW SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTATION IN SIMILAR LIGHT.

3. WE THINK THAT RATHER THAN ADDRESSING LIKELY INTRODUCTION OF G-77 RESOLUTION DIRECTLY, AS IN PARA. 7(D), IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO MAKE POINT THAT PURPOSE OF PREPARATORY MEETING IS NOT TO DRAFT A DECLARATION TO BE RUBBER STAMPED BY MINISTERS--PRESUMABLY FEW MINISTERS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING SUCH A MEETING -- BUT TO UNDERTAKE SERIOUS ANALYSIS THAT WILL PERMIT MINISTERS TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE ON SELECTED PRIORITY ISSUES. SINCE IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO FORESTALL G-77 INTRODUCTION OF A CATCH-ALL DRAFT, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT US BELIEVES THOROUGH PREPARATION OF A REALISTIC AGENDA IS A MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING. WE REMAIN OPEN TO CONSIDERING VIEWS OF ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS BUT BELIEVE THAT A TIGHT FOCUS WHICH DEALS WITH PRIORITY ISSUES IN DEPTH IS MORE LIKELY TO RESULT IN SUCCESS AT THE SECOND WFC SESSION THAN A BLANKET ATTEMPT TO COVER ALL FOOD MATTERS. ROBINSON

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